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and compromise between all the nations upon the questions which in the past have visibly evolved themselves into war-making irritants. Particularly does he insist that goods should be moved freely over any and all boundaries without tariff duties, excepting the country where the goods are distributed for consumption. The book does not claim to be either a mere compendium of fact or an exhaustive research. It is, rather, valuable for its general survey of the most prominent features of the peace problem and for the reactions it arouses in the reader's mind.

Short Rations. By *Madeleine C. Doty*. Century Co., New York. 274 p. 1917. \$1.50.

A German War Deserter's War Experience. Translated by *J. Koettgen*. B. W. Huebsch, New York. 192 p. 1917. \$1.00.

"Wretchedness and revolt" is the keynote of both of these extraordinary pictures of conditions in Germany. On the firing line for the first fourteen months of the war with the German sapper, or in the cities and towns of Germany itself during the summer of 1916 with an American war correspondent—both experiences reveal a Germany betrayed by its leaders into wretchedness and of a Germany gradually gathering the impetus of revolt against these leaders. It may well be that Germany will emerge from the war with much the same internal organization with which it began it; but one cannot read these two stories of Germany as it was a year ago without feeling certain that the explosion which will shatter the old form of government, free the people, and establish the basis for a durable peace, is not far distant. Indeed one cannot read here of the betrayal of the German soldier and of the German civilian, of the exploitation of the poor even when all the people of the country are enduring the hardships of war, of the disregard of and disrespect for the individual life, without wondering that this explosion has not already occurred. The atrocities of Germany are not all to be numbered in Belgium. There must be included also the atrocities of an over-systematized government upon the com-

mon citizen, starving him and impoverishing him (unnecessarily, as Miss Doty ably points out), and the atrocities of the German officers practiced upon the soldiers, brutalizing them, poisoning them with an unnecessary and unwarranted hatred of Belgian, Frenchman, and Englishman, excoriating them in defeat (often due solely to the errors of their superiors), and spurring them on to further suffering and misery by misstatements of the military situation calculated to fan the spark of patriotism still lingering. These matters and others of equal importance to be found in these two straightforward narratives form necessary information for a people that has "no quarrel with the German people," but is yet compelled to fight the German Government through these deluded people.

Three Peace Congresses of the Nineteenth Century. By *Charles Downer Hazen, William Roscoe Thayer, Robert Howard Lord; and Claimants to Constantinople*, by *Archibald Carey Coolidge*. Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Mass. 92 p. 1917. 75 cents.

The first three essays in this small book are interesting and amusing as pictures of the personnel and mode of action of the three great peace congresses of Vienna, Paris, and Berlin. They are interesting glimpses of the inner workings of diplomacy, the diplomacy that, it is to be hoped, is now done with forever, the diplomacy of secret conferences, secret agreements, and unscrupulous methods. Of greater interest is the fourth essay, touching as it does upon a matter with which all the world will be intimately concerned when the terms of peace to follow this war are arranged. The predominating interest of Russia in the fate of Constantinople is a matter worthy of our close study, particularly in view of recent developments in that country. Germany's interest in Constantinople must also be understood, if we are to render justice with any certainty; and Prof. Coolidge's brief study of the claims of these two countries, as well as of other countries, should engage all who wish to apply themselves earnestly to this problem.

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